

## CHAPTER NO. 630

## SENATE BILL NO. 2344

By Kyle, Kilby

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2334

By Bowers, Shaw, Ulysses Jones, Hargett, Sargent, Marreno, Eldridge, Gresham,  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to state contracts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

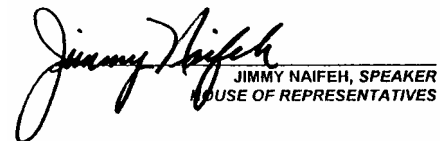
SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-109, is amended by adding the following language as new subsection (e):

(e) The Commissioner of Finance and Administration shall promulgate regulations pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(A) of this section, authorizing a preference in the evaluation of proposals for state contracts requiring the performance of data entry and/or call center services for vendors through whom such services will be solely provided by citizens of the United States who reside within the United States, or any person authorized to work in the United States pursuant to federal law, including legal resident aliens in the United States. Any vendor who receives such a preference in the evaluation process and is ultimately awarded such a contract shall provide such periodic assurances as the state shall require, that the services are solely provided by citizens of the United States who reside within the United States, or persons authorized to work in the United States pursuant to federal law, including legal resident aliens in the United States.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 26, 2004**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR